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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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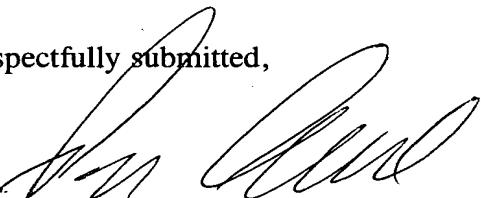
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005, Applicants hereby elect species A, Figure 3, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-9 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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